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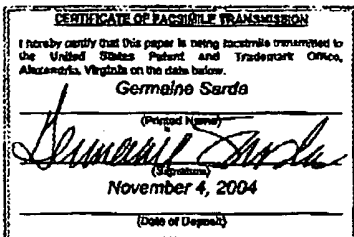
Applicant: BAUMANN et al
Title: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES
AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING HEPATITIS C
VIRAL NUCLEIC ACIDS

Appl. No.: 10/011,855

Appl. Filing Date: 12/4/2001

Examiner: Bao Qun Li

Art Unit: 1648

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**
TRANSMITTAL

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☐ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on ____.

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- ☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on __ but not considered.
- ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on __.
- b. Enclosed are:
- ☒ Amendment (8 pages).
- ☒ Declaration of Michael Lewinski, Ph.D., Under 37 C.F.R. §1.132 (3 pages).
- ☒ Curriculum Vitae of Michael A. Lewinski, Ph.D., D(ABMM) (9 pages).
- ☒ Reference (Wang et al., *BioTechniques* 17: 82-87 (1994)) (4 pgs.).

Miscellaneous:

- ☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of __ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	7	- 22	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	1	- 3	= 0	x \$88.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$300.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

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[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
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	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:		\$980.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$980.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:		\$1770.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 of above):		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:		\$1770.00

[X] Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0872 in the amount of \$1770.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0872. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 50-0872.

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

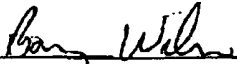
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